



# Move into the future with IBM Workplace Forms

IC Consulting pride themselves on being at the development forefront of IBM technology whether it is WebSphere, Portal and now Workplace Forms.

Workplace Forms is a powerful new product from IBM that delivers on the Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) promise. IC Consulting is the first Australian IBM Business Partner to provide expertise and services around this technology.

Workplace Forms allows you to build flexible, secure and robust electronic forms to replace your current paper-based forms.

## Save time, money and trees

A single paper form can cost an organization \$30-\$165 to use, process and enter. Workplace Forms can dramatically reduce this cost by:

- Minimising development costs through a drag-and-drop form creation tool that line of business and analysts can use.
- Reducing the number of support calls with guided forms that assist users.
- The use of business logic for field validation and data typing.
- Intelligent routing of forms to the right person at the right time.

This technology is better for a number of reasons:

- It is XML standards based.
- It works with WebSphere, Domino or Microsoft.Net.
- The forms are quick to make and exceptionally presentable.

## Open standards

Workplace Forms runs on IBM WebSphere Process Server and is built entirely with open standards. This process automation server is designed to deliver the promise of SOA to your business through a unified programming model spanning people, applications, systems, platforms and workflows.

Workplace Forms are based on XFDL, the precursor to the W3C XForms standard. Each form's presentation, data and business logic is expressed as a declarative language within an XML document. This gives Workplace Forms enormous flexibility to integrate with other systems, including workflow, document management and Domino, and the ability to route a form using any available transport mechanism such as web, email or FTP.

## eForms that stand up in court

The presentation layer supports the notion of 'pixel perfect' layout, which can be a requirement for regulated industries such as insurance or government. Indeed, Workplace Forms can be digitally signed using any supported signing and authenticated technology, including multiple technologies on the one form, and are secure enough to be used in court. They can be also be rendered tamperproof.

To find out how IC Consulting can help you reduce the cost of producing forms, contact:

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